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#### Immigration will pass now – but – Obama’s capital is key

AFP, 4/25/13 (Agence France-Presse, http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/130425/obama-invokes-bush-push-immigration-overhaul)

US President Barack Obama on Thursday enlisted George W. Bush in his drive for

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tests the political winds with comprehensive legislation soon to come to the floor.

#### Plan drains Presidential capital

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President Obama barely mentions the need for improvements in the nation’s capital stock in his

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more than replicate the existing law, perhaps with a few bureaucratic reforms.

#### Our current immigration system is rooted in racist exclusion which makes violence possible

Velasquez 92 (Manuel, Dirksen Professor of Business Ethics at Santa Clara University, is the author of Business Ethics: Concepts and Cases, 3rd ed. (Prentice Hall, 1992), “Immigration: Is Exclusion Just?”, <http://www.scu.edu/ethics/publications/iie/v7n2/velasquez.html>, Hemanth)

For example, because immigrants from less-developed nations are usually willing to work

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claims that citizens have an absolute moral right to exclude whomever they want.

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Disaster

#### Their invocation of the disaster represents a need to secure ourselves from the forces of nature – that alienation from nature represents the new normal: fracking, drilling, warming, sovereign debt, inequality, hyper-consumption, planetary extinction.

Cohen 12 (Tom Cohen, Professor of Literary, Cultural, and Media Studies at University at Albany, State University of New York, Ph.D., from Yale University, 2012, "Introduction: Murmurations—"Climate Change" and the Defacement of Theory" in Telemorphosis: Theory in the Era of Climate Change, Vol. 1, <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/p/pod/dod-idx/telemorphosis-theory-in-the-era-of-climate-change-vol-1.pdf?c=ohp;idno=10539563.0001.001>) \*\*oikos = Home

The point is, today everyone can see that the system is deeply unjust and

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our homeland, unaware of all the ruses that maintain that spurious home.

#### Even if they win their reps are good – their approach to STOPPING the disaster is rooted in “shock doctrine” of fixing and rebuilding – their attempt to erase disaster will fail and re-creteates the structures they criticize

Klein 07 (Naoimi, Klein contributes to The Nation, In These Times, The Globe and Mail, This Magazine, Harper's Magazine, and The Guardian. She once lectured as a Miliband Fellow at the London School of Economics as an award-winning journalist, writer on the anti-globalisation movement She ranked 11th in an internet poll of the top global intellectuals of 2005, a list of the world's top 100 public intellectuals compiled by the Prospect magazine in conjunction with Foreign Policy magazine She was involved in a protest condemning police action during the G20 summit in Toronto, ON. She spoke to a rally seeking the release of protesters in front of police headquarters on June 28, 2010. In May 2011, Klein received an honorary degree from Saint Thomas University., “The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism”, Book -- <http://infoshop.org/amp/NaomiKlein-TheShockDoctrine.pdf>)

Most people who survive a devastating disaster want the opposite of a clean slate:

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and most profitably, with an iron-fisted leadership to this day.

#### Perticular demands re-ify the hold of capital

**Zizek 02** Slavoj Zizek, married to a hottie, *Revolution at the Gates, pg* 296-302

So the struggle ahead has no guaranteed outcome – it will confront us with an

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possible" (or, as we usually put it, "feasible").

#### Climate adaptation for transportation infrastructure is a neoliberal shell game which will be hijacked by corporate decision-makers to make it easier to re-locate manufacturing jobs, enable union-busting and back up threats of corporate black-mail through fully globalized offshore product supply chains

Goldstein 12 Dan, Department of Economics @ Allegheny College, "Regional Responses to Climate Change : Class , Capability and Disintegrative Adaptation" Don Goldstein Department of Economics Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335, USA dgoldste@allegheny.edu Prepared for “Political Economy and the Outlook for Capitalism ” Joint conference of AHE, IIPPE, FAPE July 5 7, 2012, Paris, http://www.hetecon.net/documents/ConferencePapers/2012Non-Refereed/GOLDSTEIN\_Regional\_Responses\_to\_climate\_change.pdf

Class dynamics in regional adaptation **To show that it will be technically possible to adapt**

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with environmental opposition blunted by construction union support mobilized by the incinerator company.

#### The alternative is to reject the aff to universally oppose capitalism and embrace the catastrophe

#### We should cease believing in the approach of an ideal future – the world is collapsing around us and only moderate rejections of the militarized squo can create change

Žižek 12 (Slavoj, Once met Brad Bolman, “Signs From The Future” from forthcoming book The Year of Dreaming Dangerously, <http://www.odbor.org/signs-from-the-future/>)

So what about apocalyptic tones we often hear, especially after a catastrophe occurs?

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openness, guiding ourselves on nothing more than ambiguous signs from the future.

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#### Text: The United States federal government should invest in adapting its non-evacuation infrastructure to climate change.

#### The counterplan will take sufficient means to harden and adapt our infrastructure to survive the impact of the disaster

NTPP, 2009 (National Transportation Policy Project, Bipartisan coalition of transportation policy experts, business and civic leaders, and is chaired by four distinguished former elected officials who served at the federal, state, and local levels, Published December 15 2009, Bipartisan Policy Center, <http://bipartisanpolicy.org/sites/default/files/Transportation%20Adaptation%20(3).pdf>)

The adaptation responses described above can be thought of as lying on a continuum of

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alternate routes or services to maintain continuity of travel when service is disrupted

#### **And the denial of adaptive infrastructure is a calculated denial of political participation itself—ad-hoc and militarized disaster response ensure disposable populations cannot radically organize. Only the CP allows community resistance to mass violence by upending the hierarchy of transportation mobility.**

Adams 06 (Jason, Jason Adams is a PhD Candidate in Political Science at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, and in Media and Communication at the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland. “Denaturalizing Natural Disaster,” <http://www.ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=566>)

It is predictable then, that the politically ineligible bodies that constituted "the city

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smooth surfaces and high speeds that enable the sensation of "the nation".

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#### The United States federal government should, through an unfunded mandate, invest in adapting its transportation infrastructure to climate change.

#### That solves—empirically proven

May & Burby 96 (Peter May, Professor of political science at the University of Washington AND Raymund Burby, Assistant Professor of Planning and Research Associate at the University of North Carolina, “Coercive versus Cooperative Policies: Comparing Intergovernmental Mandate Performance”, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Vol. 15, No. 2 (Spring, 1996), pp. 171-201 JSTOR // Veevz)

Our study sheds light on the strengths and limitations of the two polar intergovernmental policy

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in increasing the capacity of local governments to work toward state policy aims.

#### The counterplan is the death of federalism

Super 05 (David Super, A.B., Princeton; J.D., Harvard.—Georgetown Law Department, “Rethinking Fiscal Federalism”, Harvard Law Review, Vol. 118, No. 8 (Jun., 2005), pp. 2544-2652, JSTOR // Veevz)

Among the most analytically bankrupt concepts is that of the unfunded mandate.132 Some

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in state autonomy is difficult to justify under any coherent theory of federalism.

#### Turns disaster relief

Schneck 9 Debra Schneck, Graduate Student at the University of Indiana, April 24, 2009 (“Federalism and Its Impact on Emergency Response to Disasters and Catastrophes,” Accessed online at <http://www.indiana.edu/~workshop/publications/materials/conference_papers/Schneck_Spring%202009.pdf>, Accessed on 7/28/12)

There is preliminary evidence, supported in this paper by network analysis and anecdotal evidence

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with an emergency to federal entities, thus “federalizing” the response.

#### Federalism collapses the power grid

The New Yorker 09 (James Surowiecki, The Financial Page staff writer for The New Yorker, July 27, 2009 Fifty Ways To Kill Recovery,” The New Yorker, <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/bios/james_surowiecki/search?contributorName=james%20surowiecki>,)

Even more important, federalism is getting in the way of the creation of a

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overriding or placating the states—and the prospects of that aren’t great.

#### Grid collapse is inevitable without the smart grid – also makes cyberterror inevitable

Lovins 10 Amory B, Chairman and Chief Scientist of Rocky Mountain Institute, "DOD's Energy Challenge as Strategic Opportunity", Issue 57, 2nd Quarter 2010, www.ndu.edu/press/lib/images/jfq-57/lovins.pdf

The Resilience Capability Resilience “combines efficient energy use with more diverse, dispersed,

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accumulate fuel loadings that turn the next unsuppressed fire into an uncontrollable conflagration.

**Grid collapses cause extinction**

**Tilford 12** Robert, Graduate US Army Airborne School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, “Cyber attackers could shut down the electric grid for the entire east coast” 2012, <http://www.examiner.com/article/cyber-attackers-could-easily-shut-down-the-electric-grid-for-the-entire-east-coa>

To make matters worse **a cyber attack that can take out a civilian power grid**

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include the use of “nuclear weapons”, if authorized by the President.

### Case

#### Turn - Moral Hazard -- The plan creates it, that makes future disaster more likely

**Schugart '8** William F., IIF. A. P. Barnard Distinguished Professor of Economics Department of Economics, University of Mississippi RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM ON BAD PUBLIC GOODS Misadventure Monday, September 15, 2008 (8:30 - 10:15 a.m.) "Disaster Relief as a Bad Public Good" http://www.law.northwestern.edu/searlecenter/papers/Shughart\_Disaster\_Relief\_final.pdf

Fourth, disaster relief is a bad public good owing to another of its “

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**will produce more fatalities and more property damage than the last one did.**

#### Turn -- Bureaucracy -- Federalizing disaster infrastructure creates locks in a bureaucratic chain of command that hampers effective response

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**Government agencies** **are** created by legislation, overseen by elected officials, and **operated by**

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a Republican (Ripley et al. 2005, p. 39).8